

HOUSE BILL 2255

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5 and Title 40, relative to sexual offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-502, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(3) and substituting instead the following new subdivisions:

- (3) The defendant is aided or abetted by one (1) or more other persons;
- (4) The defendant knows or has reason to know that the victim is mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless;
- (5) The defendant commits the offense during the commission of an aggravated burglary under § 39-14-403; or
- (6) The defendant commits the offense against more than one (1) person in a single incident.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-504(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting instead the following language:

- (3) The defendant is aided or abetted by one (1) or more other persons;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-504(a), is amended by deleting the period (.) in subdivision (4), substituting instead a semicolon (;), and adding the following language as new subdivisions:

- (5) The defendant knows or has reason to know that the victim is mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless;
- (6) The defendant commits the offense during the commission of an aggravated burglary under § 39-14-403; or

(7) The defendant commits the offense against more than one (1) person in a single incident.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after that date.